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Case 7804

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Douglas J. Dobrozsi et al. :
Serial No.: 09/467,333 :
Confirmation No.: 2248 : Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: December 20, 1999 : Examiner: H. Nguyen
Title: Compositions Having Improved Stability:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the February 6, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 27 without prejudice.

Please rewrite Claim 21 to recite the following:

Claim 21. (2nd Amendment) An oral composition comprising:

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- (a) a pharmaceutical active selected from the group consisting of antitussives, antihistamines, non-sedating antihistamines, decongestants, expectorants, analgesic¹¹² mucolytics, antipyretics, anti-inflammatory agents, local anesthetics, and mixtures thereof; (S) intended:
- (b) a hydrophilic, water-miscible, anhydrous solvent wherein the pharmaceutical active in its un-ionized form has a percent solubility value in the solvent at ambient temperature that is equal to or greater than 0.075% and the pharmaceutical active is in its free, un-ionized form as a monomolecular dispersion in the solvent; and
- (c) a reducing agent wherein the reducing agent has an E⁰ value equal to or greater than about -0.119V.
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